

Registration Form

☐ Yes, my class is interested in forming a Green Team and helping our environment become a cleaner, greener place!

Teacher: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Best Time to Call: _____

Email: _____

Grade: _____ Number of Students: _____

Project Interest: _____

☐ Yes, we would like a follow-up visit from the King County Green Team Specialist.

To register:

Phone: Call (206) 583-0655 ext. 13, and ask for the Green Team Specialist.

Email: Email greenteam@triangleassociates.com and let us know you want to form a Green Team. Please include all the information on the registration form.

Fax: Fax to (206) 382-0669.

Mail: Mail your registration form to King County Green Teams, c/o Triangle Associates, 811 First Avenue, #255, Seattle, WA 98104.



Become a King County Green Team!



A **Green Team** is a group of students ready to take action to become environmental stewards at school, at home, or within the community. Green Team activities can focus on waste reduction, improving recycling, and promoting habitat stewardship.

Green Teams:

- ★ Learn about conservation
- ★ Educate others
- ★ Turn learning into action
- ★ Gain real-world experience
- ★ Improve communication skills
- ★ See results of their choices
- ★ Benefit the school or community

Teachers:

- ★ Receive advice, support, and materials
- ★ Can sign up for classroom presentations
- ★ Can receive mini-grant funding
- ★ Are recognized for their efforts

Free workshops, materials, and other resources are available to your school.

Green Teams are perfect for leadership groups, environmental clubs, or ecology/science and life skills classes.

"Our schools play an important role in teaching our young people the importance of preserving our environment. With creativity and enthusiasm, our teachers, students, staff, and volunteers are making a difference in our schools and ensuring that an environmental legacy is left in this region."

-Ron Sims, King County Executive

How to Become a Green Team

Green Team projects are a great way to get your students interested and involved in protecting our natural resources. Schools can truly benefit from the increased awareness of their students as they actively participate in improving or cleaning up their local environment.

- 1) Work with your students to identify a project or activity that they want to complete. Use ideas included in this brochure as a starting point or request assistance or a workshop from one of King County's Green Team specialists.
- 2) Register your Green Team or student group to receive assistance and news about other Green Teams, and become eligible to receive rewards and recognition.



Green Team Project Ideas

Educate Others

- ★ Design a bulletin board display or posters to inform students of the importance of conserving natural resources or undertaking recycling projects.
- ★ Create weekly or monthly intercom or televised announcements to share conservation tips with the school.
- ★ Create skits, presentations or interactive games to encourage waste reduction and resource conservation actions. Present them at your school or at a local elementary school.
- ★ Read or act out a story on recycling to primary students. Free storybooks are available from King County.
- ★ Plan environmental "spirit days." Encourage students to research and take actions that reduce their "ecological footprint" such as reducing waste, reusing, bicycling, carpooling, etc.

Take Action to Improve Recycling

- ★ Audit your school's waste reduction and recycling practices to see what's working and what more can be done. Make sure that recycling bins are clearly marked and easily located in each classroom and throughout the school.
- ★ Perform classroom spot-checks to make sure garbage and recycling are separated properly.

Green Your School and Community

- ★ Organize a litter clean-up. Arrange for teams of students to pick up trash on school grounds and in the community. Identify trouble spots and potential solutions to prevent future litter.
- ★ Plan an event to exchange clothes, books, electronic equipment or other reusable household items. Or organize your school as a drop-off site for collecting those items to donate to a community organization for the needy.

Get Your Hands Dirty

- ★ Start a school garden, either in the ground or using containers. Encourage students to find "green" ways to control pests, conserve water, and produce a healthy garden. Start a compost pile to recycle garden waste.
- ★ Start a worm bin to encourage students to recycle their food waste. Sign up for a worm bin classroom visit.
- ★ Remove invasive species and learn more about native plant ecology by restoring or creating a natural area.
- ★ Help improve fish habitat by testing water quality, monitoring fish populations, removing invasive plant species, or identifying practices that affect the habitat. Stencil school and neighborhood storm drains with pollution prevention messages. Stencils and paint are available from King County.



Green Team Benefits: FREE Resources Available to You

Do you want help getting a project underway? Are you already doing something but want to join a network of other teachers and schools also working on projects? Contact (206) 583-0655 or email greenteam@triangleassociates.com. A variety of support is available to help you get started:

Assistance and Advice: If you need help thinking of ideas or planning a project, King County Green Team Specialists are available to answer your questions or provide more information for a specific project.

Classroom Visits: Do you have your own environmental project in mind? Are your students ready to take action but need help determining what that action may be? If you need assistance to get your project started, a specialist is also available to come to your classroom for project workshops, free of charge, Monday-Friday. Resources such as storm drain stenciling kits, worms for food composting projects, and litter clean-up materials are available.

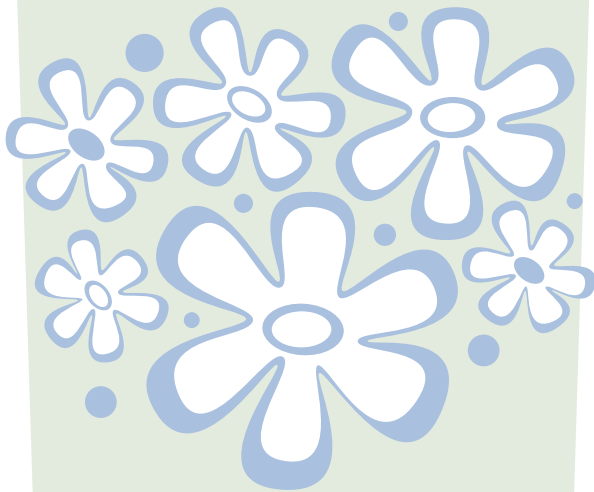
Green Team Workshops: For those who want to take advantage of our predesigned projects, sign up for one of the following:

Environmental Ambassadors: Classes are introduced to a specific recycling and waste reduction topic and learn how to present it to other students or the community at large. As your students become mentors, they take on a new level of stewardship and responsibility within the school. Students are also challenged to use group presentation, drama, and art skills as they develop theatrical skits, intercom announcements and posters. Potential topics include recycling leadership, litter clean-up, hands-on reuse and worm bin composting.

Environmental Challenge: Are your students ready to help improve your school's environmental practices? During this action-focused workshop, students conduct a resource use "scavenger hunt" to analyze recycling, litter prevention, waste reduction or other conservation practices in your school. Working with our experts, the students report back results to the class and develop a conservation action plan that includes a timeline for implementation and measurable goals to track the school's progress.

Green Team Mini-Grants: King County Solid Waste Division offers mini-grants in amounts up to \$500 to support educational activities related to waste reduction, recycling, and resource conservation. Applying is quick and easy but resources are limited.

Publicity and Recognition: Green Team actions are worth rewarding! Twice a year, King County recognizes and rewards Green Teams that have completed projects. Your team's projects will also be highlighted in the Class Act newsletter.



Fill out the
registration card on
the other side and
become a
King County
Green Team!



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